

California

Student Aid Commission

Cal Grant Entitlement Awards and Repayments

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Agenda



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H.S. Entitlement Program

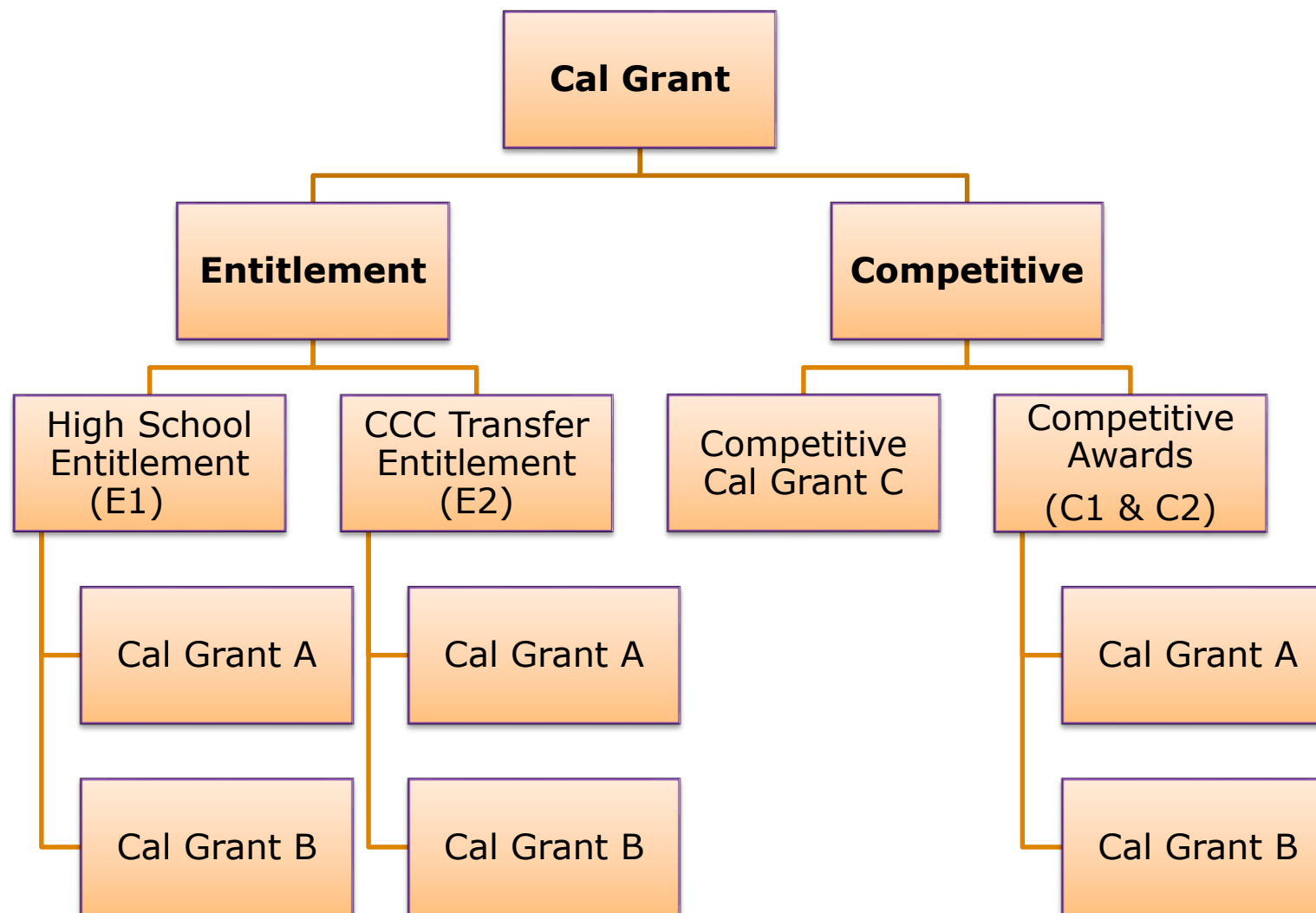
Transfer Entitlement Program

**Payments, Adjustments &
Refunds**



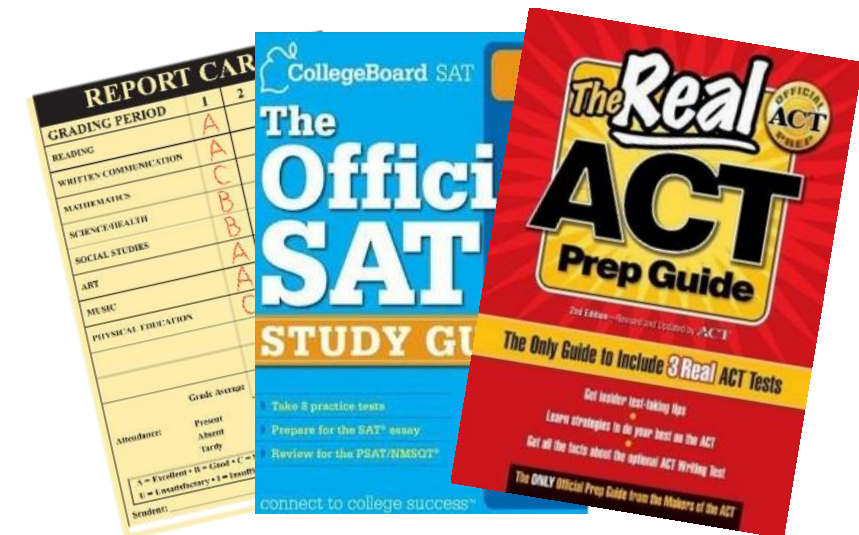


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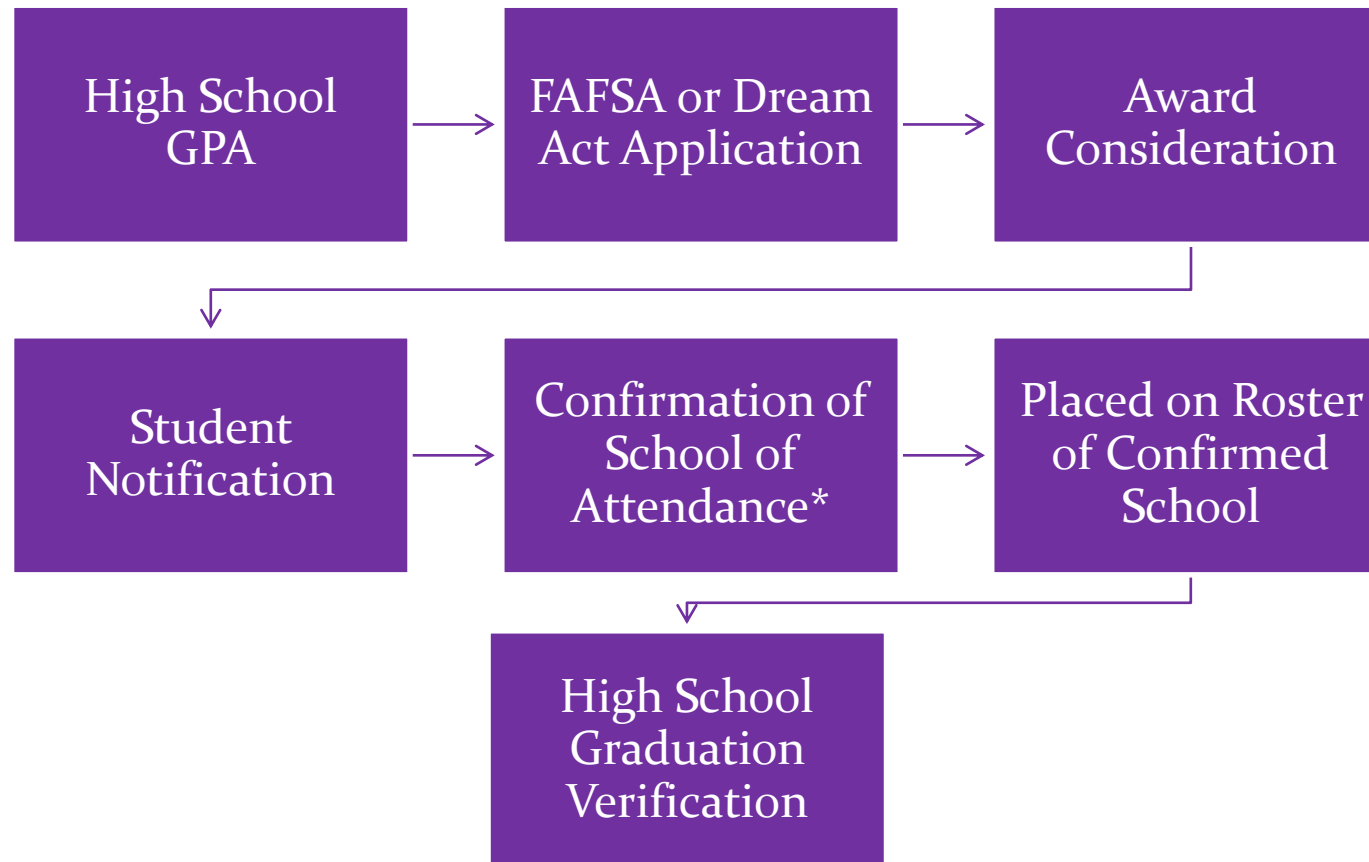
High School Entitlement Program (E1)

- Current high school seniors or prior year high school graduates
 - ❑ For the 2017-18 AY, student must have graduated high school after July 1, 2015
- Must have a verified high school GPA or test score
 - ❑ ACT
 - ❑ SAT
 - ❑ GED
 - ❑ HiSET
 - ❑ TASC
- Cal Grant A and B
- Unlimited awards





High School Entitlement Award Process



*New beginning 2017-18 AY

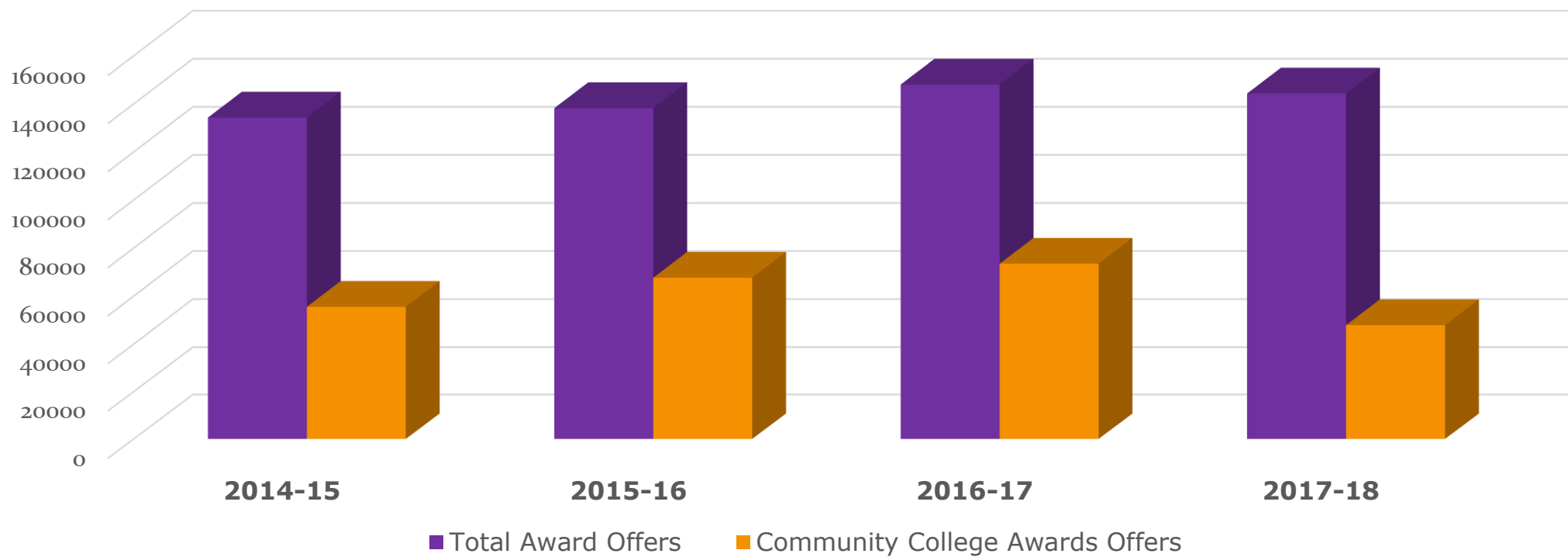
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Cal Grant Claiming Process

- Students will confirm school of attendance
- 2017-18 Cal Grant rosters in WebGrants will not be available for viewing until May 2017
- Use the **Award Status Extract Process** to identify Cal Grant eligible students
- Claim students by submitting a School Change Upload file

Cal Grant High School Entitlement (E1) Award Offers



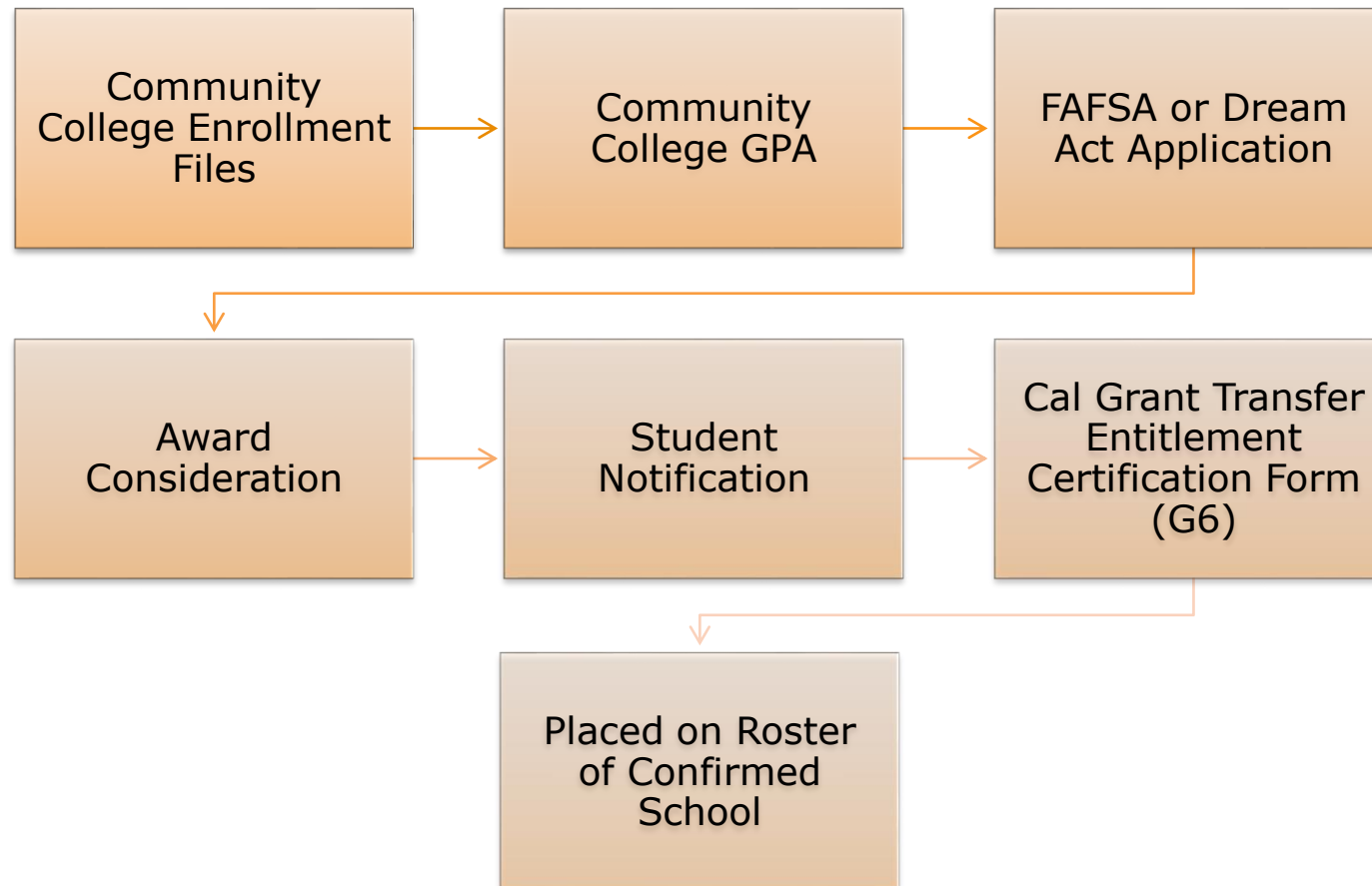


Transfer Entitlement (E2)

- Community College transfers to BDGI
- FAFSA or CADAA completed by March 2nd
- Community College GPA of at least 2.40
- Under the age of 28
- Complete a Transfer Entitlement Certification (G-6) Form
- Graduate of a CA high school or the equivalent and CA resident at time of graduation, **OR**
- CA resident at time of H.S graduation or 18th birthday*
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Transfer Entitlement Award Process





Cal Grant A

- Low to middle income students
 - ❑ 3.00 High School GPA / 2.40 College GPA
 - ❑ Have financial need
 - ❑ Under Cal A income and asset ceilings
- Awards
 - ❑ Used for Bachelor Degree Programs
 - ❑ Pays tuition and fees
 - ✓ UC \$12,294
 - ✓ CSU \$5,472
 - ✓ Private (Non Profit) \$9,084
 - ✓ Private (For Profit) \$4,000



Cal Grant B

- Low income students
 - ❑ 2.00 High School GPA / 2.40 College GPA
 - ❑ Have at least \$700 in financial need
 - ❑ Under Cal Grant B income and asset ceilings
 - ❑ Enrolled in AA, BA or Certificate programs
- Awards
 - ❑ \$1670 access award (1st year and Community College)
 - ❑ \$1670 + tuition/fees (subsequent years at University)



Cal Grant C

- Low and middle income students
 - ❑ Tied to competitive award selection
 - ❑ No GPA requirement
 - ❑ Have financial need
 - ❑ Under Cal Grant C income and asset ceilings
 - ❑ Associates and Certificate programs only
- Awards
 - ❑ 7,761 awards per year
 - ❑ Pays \$547 (books and supplies) and \$2,462 (tuition and fees)



Payments, Adjustments and Refunds



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Payment and Adjustment Policy

- Payments should be disbursed based on:
 - ❑ Enrollment status (based on school's add/drop date)
 - ❑ Financial aid census date or its equivalent
- Refunds
 - ❑ Schools must have a written Cal Grant refund policy (similar to Federal Title R2T4 policy)
 - ❑ Schools must determine the applicable amount for students

Reasons for Payment Adjustments

Schools are responsible for repaying grant money if the student:

Not
maintaining
SAP

Paid based on
incorrect
number of
units

Not a
California
resident

Not in an
approved TCP
or 5th year
program

In default on a
Title IV loan

Owes a
State/Federal
overpayment

Not enough
financial need

Not enrolled in
an eligible
program

Cal Grant
payment
exceeds tuition
and fees



FAFSA errors that can cause payment adjustments

- Family income that was listed on FAFSA is actually higher
- Family size that was listed on FAFSA is actually smaller
- Assets were never listed on FAFSA
- Not indicating having received a Bachelor's degree

Payment Adjustment for a Closed Year

- Submitted via check made out to the California Student Aid Commission
- Include a letter of explanation that contains the following information:
 - ❑ Student Name
 - ❑ CSAC ID Number
 - ❑ Term for which funds are being returned
 - ❑ Brief explanation
 - ❑ Contact information



Scenario 1

Student was enrolled full-time (12+ units) as of the school's add/drop date (census date) and full-time payment of \$835 was processed on or before this date.

After census date, the student's enrollment drops down to 9 units.

Is a payment adjustment required?



Answer

No payment adjustment is required

The student was paid on or before the census date and therefore they are entitled to the full-time award amount of \$835 which they were paid for.



Scenario 2

Student was enrolled full-time at the start of the term and was paid \$835 for full-time status during the first weeks of the semester (before census date).

The student subsequently drops to 9 units before the census date.

Is a payment adjustment required?



Answer

Payment adjustment is required

The student would need to have their payment adjusted to \$626 for $\frac{3}{4}$ time to reflect their enrollment status at the census date.

Scenario 3

Student was enrolled full-time at the census date.

Student was not on the school's roster until the end of the Fall semester. Student requested a school change and was added to roster. Once on roster, the student was processed for Fall semester.

By the time the student was processed for payment, the student only completed 8 units.

Should the student be paid as full-time or half-time?



Answer

Payment adjustment is required

The student should be paid according to the number of units they actually completed during the term of payment.

As the student only completed 8 units, the student should be paid at the half-time award amount of \$418 for the Fall term.



Coming soon – EL Verification

- Starting in the fall of 2017-18
 - Only required for competitive B students and Cal Grant C students
 - Can post first payment without the verification
 - By batch or individually
 - EL verification reports available
- Memo will come out soon
 - Training will be provided

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Questions?

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